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ISO TC20 SC9 liaison report

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What is TC20 SC9?

- The air cargo sub-committee of ISO TC20, Aerospace
- Develops the air cargo International Standards
- Chair J. Springer (FedEx), V.Chair J.J. Machon (consultant)
- 22 P and O member countries, including e.g.:

Austria	Germany	Russia
Brazil	Italy	Sweden
China	Japan	Ukraine
Denmark	Korea	United Kingdom
France	Netherlands	United States

Current activity

- Last meeting: Beijing, July 10-12, 2012
- Next meeting: Stockholm, Oct. 22-24, 2013 (participation invited)

3 permanent Working Groups:

- WG1 Aircraft de-icing (active)
- WG2 Air cargo airworthiness (active)
- WG3 Baggage handling (currently inactive)

What use are International Standards?

- Form the technical basis for ULDs in the new IATA ULD Regulations
- In specific instances, constitute the technical reference for Civil Aviation regulations (TSO)
- Used by ULD manufacturers to design ULDs meeting industry requirements

Which International Standards?

- See IATA ULDR Appendix B (updated yearly), showing correspondence with ULDR SS / OS
- TC20 SC9 works closely with the SAE AGE-2A air cargo sub-committee (2 meetings a year), whose standards are also listed in Appendix B
- Key standards for ULD airworthiness approval:
 - ISO 8097 (NAS 3610), TSO C90c (before 2012)
 - ISO 21100 (AS36100A), TSO C90d (2012 on)

What are current highlights?

- Revised ISO 16049-1 and 16049-2 on straps (TSO C172) were just published
- The 3 basic container standards (ISO 4118, ISO 6517, ISO 10327) revisions are under final vote and should be published before end of 2013
- as well as the revision of ISO 10254, air cargo and GSE vocabulary (200 definitions in English, French and German languages)

... and new projects?

- New standards actively developped for fire containment ULDs (at this stage for voluntary implementation, no immediate Authorities regulatory action expected):
- ISO 14186, Fire Containment Covers (FCC) for pallets, approved and being published
- A draft on Fire Resistant Containers (FRC) is under development by WG2

Future trends

Pallet nets

Discussions are on-going within SAE AGE-2A and SC9 WG2 to develop, to address concerns expressed by EASA:

- a single nets testing method to reduce the variability of results
- a set of environment testing and degradation assessment methods to justify expiry dates

... and more

Non-certified ULDs

To address concerns expressed at the World Cargo Symposium about confusion between «certified» and «non-certified» ULD and too vague Weight & Balance Manuals requirements, consideration will be given to more precisely defining non-certified ULD strength requirements.

A discussion workshop on this topic is planned at the October 22-24 Stockholm SC9 meeting.

Thanks for your attention

Any questions or suggestions relayed will be duly answered.